

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-14

AN ORDINANCE, of the City of Wenatchee, declaring that maintenance of an index identifying all public information and records held by the City would be unduly burdensome and providing that such index will not be maintained, and amending WCC Chapter 1.90.

WHEREAS, RCW 42.56.070 requires every public agency to maintain and make available for public inspection and copying a current index providing identifying information as to certain public records, except where maintaining such an index would be unduly burdensome or would interfere with agency operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wenatchee and its employees generate or obtain thousands of documents each year which would fit within the categories required to be indexed by RCW 42.56.070, which the City Council has determined would create an unreasonable and undue burden on the City to index and would substantially interfere with the operations of the City of Wenatchee because of the time necessary to index the multitude of records; and

WHEREAS, the City has never received a request for public inspection and copying of a current index of public records, City officials and City employees have full work loads, residents of the City have expressed a desire for low cost government with minimum staff levels, and based upon anticipated use and cost to the City, creation and maintenance of a current index of public records for the City is not justified.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE DO ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION I

Pursuant to RCW 46.52.070, the City Council of the City of Wenatchee hereby declares that the indexing and maintaining an index of all public records obtained or generated by the City would be unduly burdensome and would interfere with the operations of the City. A current index as described in RCW 42.56.070 will therefore not be maintained by the City.

SECTION II.

The following Section shall be added to the Wenatchee City Code, Chapter 1.90:

“1.90.070 Index Not to Be Maintained. A current index as described in RCW 42.56.070 will not be maintained by the City.”

SECTION III

If any section, subsection, clause or sentence of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage thirty (30) days from and after publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENATCHEE, at a regular meeting thereof, this 12 day of July, 2007.

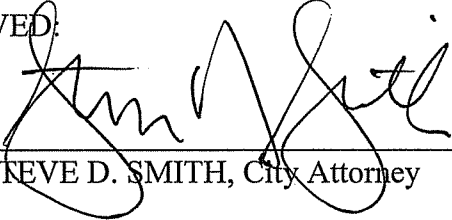
CITY OF WENATCHEE, a Municipal Corporation

By: 
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ATTEST:

By: 
VICKI REISTER, City Clerk

APPROVED:

By: 
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